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PhonePe Launches Tatkal NPS Account Opening



- PhonePe launched the Tatkal NPS digital onboarding facility on 27 October 2026, enabling users to open National Pension System (NPS) accounts through its app.
- Users can open an NPS account with an initial contribution of ₹250 and receive a unique Permanent Retirement Account Number (PRAN) to identify and manage their pension account.
- The Tatkal NPS framework was developed by the Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA).

U.P. Approves PRAGATI AI and Robotics Park in Greater Noida



- On 27 October 2026, the Uttar Pradesh Cabinet approved the PRAGATI (Platform for Robotics AI Growth Through Technology and Innovation) AI and Robotics Park in Greater Noida.
- The park will be developed in two zones: Zone 1 covering 8 acres and Zone 2 covering 61.52 acres.
- The project aims to promote artificial intelligence (AI), robotics manufacturing, research and technological innovation.

IIT Mandi Launches Science on Wheels in Himachal Pradesh

- The Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Mandi launched the Science on Wheels programme in Himachal Pradesh to promote hands-on science education among school students.
- The initiative is being implemented by IIT Mandi in collaboration with Plaksha University and the Igniting Dreams of Young Minds (IDYM) Foundation.
- The programme targets students from Classes VI to XII and aims to reach 50 schools across Himachal Pradesh.

Namo Bharat Wins Best Passenger Service Award

- The National Capital Region Transport Corporation (NCRTC) received the Award of Excellence in the category of Metro Rail with Best Passenger Services and Satisfaction at the 19th Urban Mobility India (UMI) Conference and Expo 2026, held in Bhubaneswar, Odisha.
- NCRTC is the implementing agency for the Delhi–Ghaziabad–Meerut Regional Rapid Transit System (RRTS), operated under the Nammo Bharat brand.
- The 82.15-km Delhi–Ghaziabad–Meerut RRTS corridor, which includes the 23-km Meerut Metro network on the same infrastructure, became fully operational in February 2026.

Exercise GARUDA SHAKTI Begins in Indonesia

- The 11th edition of the India–Indonesia Joint Special Forces Exercise GARUDA SHAKTI commenced at Banyuwangi, Indonesia, on 27 Oct 2026.
- The Indian contingent comprises troops from the Parachute Regiment (Special Forces) of the Indian Army.
- The 10th edition was held at the Special Forces Training School, Bakloh, Himachal Pradesh, from 3 to 12 December 2025.

Tawang to Host 14th International Tourism Mart from 29–31 Oct. 2026



- The 14th edition of the International Tourism Mart (ITM) 2026 will be held in Tawang, Arunachal Pradesh, from 29 to 31 October 2026.
- The event is being organised by the Ministry of Tourism, Government of India, in association with the Government of Arunachal Pradesh and other North Eastern states.
- The International Tourism Mart is an annual event aimed at promoting the tourism potential of India's North Eastern Region.

UAE Honours Indian Pilot Smit Machchhar for Bravery



- UAE President Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan conferred the First Class Order of Zayed II on Indian pilot Captain Smit Machchhar and fellow flydubai crew members.
- The honour recognises their courage and efforts to protect passengers during an in-flight incident aboard flydubai Flight FZ1073.

- The incident occurred on 30 September 2026 while the aircraft was travelling from Dubai, UAE, to Tel Aviv, Israel.

India Beats Bangladesh 13–0 in Asian Champions Trophy 2026



- The Indian men's hockey team defeated Bangladesh 13–0 on 27 October 2026 at the Olympian Surjit Singh Hockey Stadium in Jalandhar, Punjab.
- Mandeep Singh scored a hat-trick, netting goals in the 3rd, 10th and 54th minutes.
- The Hero Men's Asian Champions Trophy Punjab 2026 features six participating teams: India, Bangladesh, China, Japan, Malaysia and South Korea.

DPI IN INDIA — RESPONSIBLE AGENCIES

Aadhaar — UIDAI

UPI — NPCI

DigiLocker — NeGD, (MeitY)

CoWIN — Ministry of Health & Family Welfare

DIKSHA — NCERT, Ministry of Education

UMANG — NeGD, MeitY

WHAT HAPPENED TODAY?

28-10-2026 / WEDNESDAY

Sister Nivedita's Birth Anniversary — 28 October

Sister Nivedita's birth anniversary is observed annually on 28 October, marking her birth in 1867 in County Tyrone, Ireland, as Margaret Elizabeth Noble.